(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that CZA made certain recommendations after the death of 13 tigers at Nandankanan Zoo, about a year ago;

(d) if so, whether those recommendations have been fully honoured; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Central Zoo Authority advises various zoos in the country from time to time with regard to the measures to be taken for providing adequate and appropriate facilities required for better housing, health care and upkeep etc. However, it has been observed that the zoos concerned are not in a position to implement all the recommendations fully due to resource and other constraints.

(c) and (d) The Central Zoo Authority has requested the State Government to improve the housing, upkeep and health care of the animals. While recommendations like screening of animals against infectious diseases, prophylactic treatment, creation of panel for monitoring the health of animals and improvement of potable water supply has been complied with, the recommendations regarding transfer of excess animals to other zoos and construction of boundary wall to prevent ingress of livestock have not been complied with.

(e) Completion of the boundary wall has been hampered by ongoing litigations. Recommendation about transfer of animals to other zoos as stipulated by the authority, could not be complied due to sentiments of local people.

Non-implementation of Environmental Laws by States

2789. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Environmental Laws are not being implemented by State Governments;

(b) if so, whether Government have expressed their concern over their non-implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to formulate any strategy to ensure implementation of environmental laws by each of the State Government; if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Union Government periodically reviews the implementation of the various environmental laws. The last review was undertaken in the meeting of Ministers of Environment of all States and Union Territories held at Coimbatore on 29-30 January, 2001.

The following are the details of the strategy being followed:—

i. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has formulated nationwide pollution control programmes in consultation with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs);

ii. Under Section 18 of the Water Act, Central Pollution Control Board has been delegated powers to issue directions to the State Pollution Control Boards for effective implementation of the programmes;

iii. Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Central Pollution Control Board has been delegated powers to issue directions to the industries located in any of the State for closure, if found violating the pollution control norms;

iv. The Central Government has also delegated powers to the State Governments under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act for direct closure of the industry for non-compliance of the pollution control norms;

v. To strengthen the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees, 80% cess money is being directly released to each State/Union Territory;

vi. Under the various bilateral programmes, human resource development programmes are incorporated and technical and scientific staff in the State Pollution Control Boards and Central Pollution Control Boards are provided with training facilities, both within the country and abroad.